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Harmon C. McAllister, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. McAllister:

I have been chosen chairman of the 1991 Summer FASEB (Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology) Conference on Lymphocytes and Antibodies to be held June 23rd to 28th at the Vermont Academy, Saxtons River, Vermont, and I need to raise about \$30,000 for partial support of participants' travel and registration expenses. You kindly contributed \$500 to the previous Lymphocytes and Antibodies conference chaired by Carol Cowing in 1989.

Lymphocytes and Antibodies is a small, residential conference (150 participants) with a strong scientific program covering a number of selected topics of intense interest and activity in basic immunobiology. The program of the 1991 meeting is enclosed. The small size and residential setup of the meeting allows extensive discussion among the participants who share a multidisciplinary interest in problems of specific recognition and regulation in the immune system. In this regard, it resembles the Gordon Conference on Immunobiology and Immunochemistry, after which it is patterned.

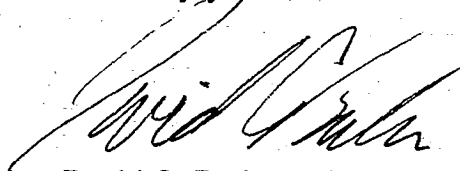
This small meeting with a broad range of topics fosters communication among scientists working on the same problems at very different levels of biological organization using very different experimental approaches. It allows advances at one level to affect the questions asked and the methods employed at another, and encourages the participating scientists to view their work in a broader perspective. The meeting is particularly valuable for junior scientists, who can benefit most from the excellent opportunities to meet and discuss their work with a distinguished group of invited speakers and other participants, in a broader context than is possible in a single-issue workshop at a large meeting.

The conference will be well advertised by FASEB, including a preview of the meeting published in the FASEB Journal. About half the participants will be independent investigators and half will be postdoctoral fellows and graduate students. The discussion leaders listed in the enclosed program have all committed to organizing their sessions. They were chosen for their capacity to encourage questions and discussion in the sessions as well as for their contributions to their fields. The listed speakers have agreed to attend, some of them contingent on availability of travel funds. A few other speakers will be invited by the discussion leaders in the spring.

If you would like more information about this meeting, please call me or Dr. Laurie Glimcher, the cochair, who will organize the 1993 meeting.

I have applied for and hope to receive a grant for this meeting from the NIH and perhaps also the NSF, but the meeting depends on additional support from private sources. I and the other conferees will greatly appreciate any financial help you can give. Contributions will be acknowledged in the meeting program. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



David C. Parker, Ph.D.
Professor

Enclosure

P. S. Checks should be annotated "Lymphocytes and Antibodies" and made payable to:

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